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Welcome to P2 E-News!

In this issue we include information on California Recycles Day, two environmental conferences, the Paint Product Stewardship Initiative, DTSC news, and a new feature called P2 HazWaste Corner.

As always, please feel free to tell your friends and associates about **P2 E-News!** Anyone interested in receiving **P2 E-News** is welcome to subscribe using the DTSC Listserv webpage at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Listservs/dtsc/> (scroll down to DTSC **P2 E-News** and click on Subscribe).

Got ideas for future issues? Send your comments or suggestions on how we can better serve you to P2@dtsc.ca.gov, or call the Pollution Prevention Hotline at (800) 700-5854.

Pollution Prevention (P2) - Changing the way we think and act so we can reduce or eliminate the creation of waste and pollution.

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**IEA & CMTA Environmental Conference & Expo: The Greening of California**

November 14 and 15, 2006  
Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina

The Industrial Environmental Association (IEA) and the California Manufacturers and Technology Association (CMTA) are holding their 5th annual joint statewide Environmental Conference, The Greening of California, on Tuesday, November 14, and Wednesday, November 15, at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina. The conference is designed to provide businesses with information on legislative, regulatory, policy, and program issues, as well as provide useful information on incorporating environmentally-friendly practices at facilities and into daily operations. Policy-making representatives from government, business, and academia will be giving presentations and participating on discussion panels addressing topics in the fields of air quality, energy, hazardous materials, chemical policy, water quality, and climate change.

For more information on the conference agenda, fees, hotel information and more, please visit the event webpage at: [http://www.cmta.net/conference.php?event\\_id=211](http://www.cmta.net/conference.php?event_id=211).

\*\*DTSC will have a booth at the conference, so please stop by and say Hi!\*\*

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California Recycles Day - November 15, 2006

Have you made your pledge yet? California Recycles Day is part of the nationwide America Recycles Day effort to encourage and support recycling by individuals and communities. In celebration of California Recycles Day, everyone is invited to pledge to buy recycled, recycle more, or support a recycling event on November 15. All pledges will be entered in a random national drawing. By making a pledge to recycle, you will be joining others in California and across the nation who are committed to the reduction, reuse, recycling, and responsible disposal of resources.

For more information about California Recycles Day and resources to help start a local event, or

to make your pledge, please visit <http://www.recycleday.com/>.

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**San Diego Zero Waste Business Conference - November 15, 2006**

Wednesday, November 15, 2006  
9:00 am to 5:00 pm (registration starts at 8:30)  
Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd, Del Mar, CA 92014

You still have time to sign up for this day-long event addressing ways businesses can save money by implementing Zero Waste practices in their daily operations. The conference is designed to bring business owners together with knowledgeable experts in the field of Zero Waste who can demonstrate how to turn a company's waste stream into a profitable resource. Topics include eliminating waste, reuse, recycling and composting (including construction and demolition waste), and green buildings. Conference registration also includes a continental breakfast, plated lunch, snacks, and all conference materials.

For more information on the conference program, cost, and how to register, please visit the Earth Resource Foundation's Zero Waste Conference webpage at:  
<http://www.earthresource.org/zerowaste.html>.

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DTSC's Robert Ludwig receives Lifetime Achievement Award from WRPPN

It's our privilege to report that the Western Regional Pollution Prevention Network (WRPPN) awarded their highest honor to our own Robert Ludwig at the WRPPN Annual Conference last month. This recognition of over a decade of Robert's commitment to pollution prevention, and the organizations that foster P2, was made by Raul "Ed" Gonzalez, Regional Coordinator for the Network.

Ed expressed the WRPPN's admiration for Rob's efforts by observing, "...He's the glue that keeps the entire network together. He works tirelessly and never fails to deliver, and he's the engine that keeps the Consortium of California Pollution Prevention Committees humming. He is an all-around great guy. He's Mr. P2 Week, and he's one of WRPPN's greatest friends--he is Mr. Robert Ludwig."

We at DTSC totally agree! Please join us in congratulating Rob next time you see him, or give him a call at (916) 324-2659.

Congratulations Robert !!!

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**P2 for Auto Body and Paint Shops**

DTSC is continuing to promote smart P2 practices in the auto body refinishing industry that can save dollars as well as help the environment. Useful P2 information for the auto body and paint shop industry, including fact sheets and training videos, can be found on the DTSC website at <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/ABP/index.cfm>.

In addition, DTSC staff is offering training to businesses through industry associations (such as the California Autobody Association and Direct Repair Service Network) and local governments (such as local green business programs and Certified Unified Program Agencies). For more information about training opportunities, or if you are interested in holding a training workshop,

please contact Kim Luu at (916) 324-2958, or by email at [kluu@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:kluu@dtsc.ca.gov).

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Paint Product Stewardship Initiative

What do you do with your leftover paint? Did you know that leftover paint is a major waste management concern? It represents a high volume wastestream and, of all household hazardous wastes collected by local governments, leftover paint represents the largest cost to local governments to collect and manage.

To address this concern, the Product Stewardship Institute (PSI) has been facilitating a national dialogue aimed at reducing the generation of leftover paint, while increasing reuse and recycling opportunities. With the support of dialogue participants from over 50 companies, industry associations, and government agencies, these discussions have resulted in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining work on 11 projects continuing into 2007 that will hopefully become the basis for developing a nationally coordinated paint management system. The MOU is a bold agreement among partners with varying views on how to manage leftover paint in a way that is both cost effective and protective of the environment. Several educational, marketing, and infrastructure evaluations and guidance documents have already been produced by the 11 projects established by the MOU and are available to the public, including a Leftover Paint Management Guidance document and establishment of the Green Seal Environmental Standard for Recycled Content Latex Paint.

For more information on the Initiative background, MOU, and associated projects and activities, please visit the PSI website at: <http://www.productstewardship.us/displayPage.php?pageid=73>.

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**Earth 911.org - Making Every Day Earth Day**

If you haven't already done so, here's a website to bookmark! Supported by USEPA, state and local government, nonprofit organizations, and private corporations, Earth 911 is a "one-stop" website for community-specific recycling, reuse, and disposal information resources, as well as other environmental information. Earth 911 presents consumer-oriented information on air pollution prevention, recycling, energy conservation, water pollution and conservation, green shopping, and more. Using zip codes or selecting location by state, individuals or businesses can access free information on local recycling and household hazardous waste disposal location listings and real time beach water quality alerts, as well as other useful information and links to guidance and publications.

For more information on Earth 911, please visit <http://www.earth911.org/master.asp>.

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P2 HazWaste Corner

This issue we're introducing P2 HazWaste Corner, a regular feature designed to help folks with hazardous waste regulatory compliance questions and concerns. Understanding regulatory requirements is often the first step to finding useful and creative ways to incorporate P2 into daily business practices. And OPPTD is fortunate to have James Stettler, a former DTSC Duty Officer, on staff and ready to help with those questions you've been meaning to ask....

Please send your questions or topic suggestions to P2@dtsc.ca.gov, or call the Pollution Prevention Hotline at (800) 700-5854.

This month`s topic: Hazardous Waste Manifests and Manifest Exception Reporting

Usually, the first step businesses must take when considering how to implement pollution prevention is to determine how much hazardous waste they generate and how they manage the waste. Hazardous waste manifests are often a main source for information on hazardous waste shipped offsite. So, making sure manifests are done properly not only helps with regulatory compliance, it also helps provide businesses with accurate and useful information for pollution prevention planning efforts.

General Manifest Information

A hazardous waste manifest must accompany most hazardous waste that is shipped off site. The manifest is the shipping document that travels with hazardous waste from the point of generation, through transportation, to the final treatment, storage, and disposal facility (TSDF). Each party in the chain of shipping, including the generator, signs and keeps one of the manifest copies, creating a "cradle-to-grave" tracking of the hazardous waste.

This year the federal government revised the Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest requirements to provide for more consistency and uniformity throughout the entire country. States will not print their own manifests, but will be able to require state-specific information be included on the new manifest. For more information on California's requirements and the new manifest, please visit DTSC's Manifest webpage at <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/IDManifest/Manifests.cfm>.

Manifest Exception Reporting

The goal of P2 and hazardous waste source reduction is to reduce or eliminate entirely the generation of hazardous waste. If you don`t generate hazardous waste then you don`t have to worry about manifests at all. However, for that waste that can`t be reduced, or is part of your business`s services, you still need to ensure that it is sent to and arrives at the appropriate disposal facility.

After a TSDF receives your hazardous waste shipment, State and federal law requires that they send you a signed copy of your manifest within 30 days of accepting your waste, or 60 days if you shipped it by water. That's how you know they received it. If you haven't received the signed copy within 35 days of the date that you sent it with the first transporter, you are required to contact the transporter and the waste facility to determine the status of your hazardous waste. Finally, if they can't or won't send you a signed copy, you need to notify DTSC in writing by submitting an Exception Report. The exception report consists of:

- (1) a legible copy of the manifest for which you do not have confirmation of delivery (your generator copy);
- (2) a cover letter signed by you (or your authorized representative) explaining the efforts you have taken to locate the hazardous waste and the results of those efforts.

If you generate less than 1000 kg of hazardous waste per month, you have 60 days to send the report; otherwise, it's 45 days. You'll also need to keep a copy of your report on file for a period of three years.

Send your exception report to:

DTSC

Generator Information Services Section

Attn. Exception Reporting

P. O. Box 806

Sacramento, CA

95812-0806

**Remember: P2 can help you reduce or even eliminate the need for hazardous waste manifesting and exception reporting altogether! If you can change your processes or formulation so that you don't generate as much hazardous waste, you can save money on waste disposal and tracking, as well as future liability. If you would like to learn more about P2 at your business and how it can save you money, call or email us and we`ll hook you up with a DTSC Pollution Prevention Liaison in your area.

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